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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 10 February 1955REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 1. Weisse Stadt restricted area

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The unit which was expected to arrive in the Weisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg on 6 January 1955 did not arrive as yet, presumably because renovating work in the quartering buildings has been delayed by frost.

 the new air force unit was to arrive by late January 1955. Construction work had reached the following status:

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Buildings 6 and 9 only were completed. Building No 29 (old Nos 52 and 53) presumably to be completed by 15 January 1955. The installation was to include kitchen and mess halls for officers in the western wing, kitchen and messhalls for EM in the entire cellar of the southern wing (old No 53) and the northern section of the ground floor of this wing. The remaining section of the ground floor was scheduled to house a day room and a motion picture theater. The second and third stories were to become quarters for the expected new air force unit. Building No 13 was to be completed by all means by 22 January. Building No 14 which had to be vacated by Unit Taroyevish (successor of Lieutenant Shurakov) by 20 December 1954, still was the point of discussion between the Soviet Army and Air Force, because the army was not willing to give up the building to the air force. A higher headquarters was to make the final decision on this matter. The following new numbers of quartering buildings were determined:

New Nos: 61 60 59 58 57 56 55 54

Old Nos: 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

New Nos: 52/53 50 49 48 47 46 45 44

Old Nos: 29 34 30 31 32 33 36 37

New Nos: 43 42 41 38

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At about 1100 on 8 January, Brigadier General Grichenkov (fnu) (phonetic spelling), chief of the GOF, appeared in Weisse Stadt and had a heavy dispute with the construction superintendent who was responsible for the laying of tiles in the showers in building No 41. The construction superintendent, thereupon, contacted the chief of the VVEB Potsdam and

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received the order to continue laying tiles in the previously started manner. The parking lot of Unit Koslov was located south of building No 39 (old number). In addition to several trucks, the following motor vehicles were parked in rows on the parking lot: 4 large three-axle tank trucks, 4 two-axle tank trucks and 6 two-axle tank trucks with trailers.

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1. Comment. Various dates have been reported for the arrival of an air unit in Oranienburg. The last date is 6 January 1955. It is plausible to assume that the troops will not arrive before the quartering buildings are completed.

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